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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. SUMMARY. APART FROM OPERATION TURQUOISE, THE GOF'S MAIN OBJECTIVE NOW IN RWANDA IS TO "STABILIZE" THE COUNTRY BY GETTING THE RPF TO DECLARE A CEASEFIRE AND BEGIN TALKING TO MODERATE HUTU LEADERS. THE FRENCH APPEAL FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF THIS GENERAL GAMEPLAN.

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4. POLMINCOUNS DISCUSSED RWANDA JULY 11 IN A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE'S CABINET ADVISOR FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA EMIE, IO DEPUTY DIRECTOR RIVASSEAU AND AF DEPUTY DIRECTOR BOIVINEAU. GOF VIEWS ON RWANDA'S UN REPRESENTATION ARE REPORTED SEPARATELY IN REF (A).

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5. THE QUAI OFFICIALS ARGUED THAT, ASIDE FROM DEALING WITH THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, RESTORING STABILITY TO RWANDA IS THEIR HIGHEST PRIORITY. THEY ARE SOMEWHAT CONFIDENTIAL

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ENCOURAGED BY RECENT RPF STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS,
INCLUDING ITS APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER
INCLUDING HUTU MODERATES SUCH AS FORMER PRIME
MINISTER-DESIGNATE TWAGIRAMUNGU IN A NEW GOVERNMENT.
THE FRENCH ARE WORRIED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE RPF
PURSUES ITS OFFENSIVE INTO NORTHWEST RWANDA IT WILL
DESTROY CHANCES OF FORMING A VIABLE, BROADLY BASED
GOVERNMENT. THE OFFICIALS URGED THAT THE U.S. JOIN
WITH THE GOF IN URGING THE RPF TO:

- -- CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE;
- -- INITIATE A DIALOGUE WITH MODERATE HUTUS, INCLUDING THOSE ELEMENTS IN THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE MASSACRES;
- -- MOVE QUICKLY TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WITH AS BROAD AN ETHNIC AND POLITICAL BASE AS POSSIBLE;
- -- REFLECT SERIOUSLY ON THE NEED TO REBUILD THE COUNTRY.
- 6. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO HOW TO IDENTIFY HUTU "MODERATES" WITHIN THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND ITS ARMED

FORCES, THE QUAI OFFICIALS ARGUED THAT A NUMBER OF HUTU LEADERS HAVE DISSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM THE IN ANY CASE, THEY ARGUED, THERE WAS LITTLE MASSACRES. PROSPECT OF LONGER TERM STABILITY IN RWANDA IF THE RPF FAILED TO WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF RWANDA'S "MAJORITY" POPULATION.

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THE FRENCH REQUEST FOR AN AIRLIFT OF SENEGALESE TROOPS HAD IN FACT RECEIVED INTERAGENCY APPROVAL ON JULY 6 (REF C), THE QUAI OFFICIALS TOOK NOTE. EMIE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MOST U.S. AIR	LIFT, WE			
EXPLAINED, IS CONDUCTED ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.				
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10. THE GOF IS OVER TH	E HANDLING OF			
ITS AIRLIFT REQUESTS, BUT QUAI OFFICIAL ACCEPT THE NEED FOR CLARITY AND TIMELIN	S APPEARED TO ESS ON THEIR			
PART IN THE FUTURE. IN RETURN, WE PROM	ISED EXPEDITIOUS			
HANDLING OF THEIR REQUESTS.				
11. MORE BROADLY, THE GOF IS NOW FOCUS	SED ON THE			
OVERRIDING NEED TO STOP THE RPF OFFENSIVE AND TO GET THE RPF TO START TALKING TO RESPECTABLE HUTU LEADERS.				
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